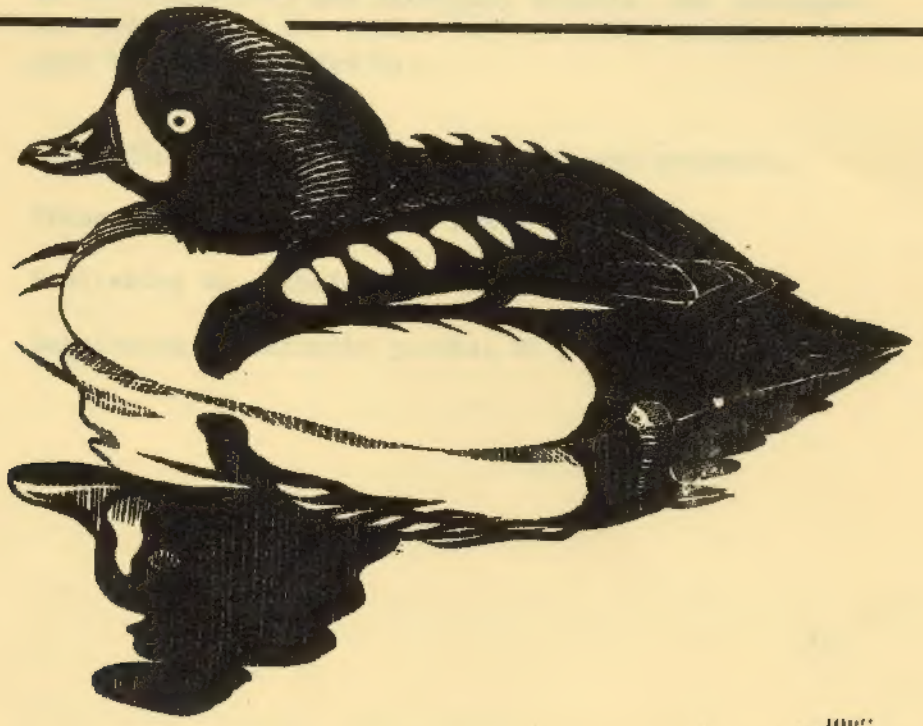
Turtle Back Zoo's
☆ Second Annual ☆

Valentine's Day Poetry Contest



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Conducting poetry and art workshops and seminars.

Presenting "Up-and-Coming" poets and artists.

Publishing an anthology.

Developing a quarterly journal of poetry.

PROGRAM

Second Valentine's Day Poetry Contest Awards Ceremony

Introduction & Welcome....Barbara Dyer, Project Coordinator
Turtle Back Zoo

Urban Voices..Anne Brown

Central School Orange

Ezra Cooper, William N. Griffin, Yolanda Waiters.

Reading of poem by William N. Griffin.

Lincoln Avenue School Orange

Nicolas Hunt, Veronica Williams, Rudi Newton, Octavia Smith.

Reading of poem by Octavia Smith.

Cleveland Street School Orange

Johnny Pearson, Untraca Howard, Hassan Crosby, Michael Williams, Daryl Williams, Carletta Cook, Silas Haynes, Vanessa Scarboro, Davion Hill, Raesean Morton.

Reading of poem by Untraca Howard.

Helen A. Keller School Newark

Kim Hall, Rickey Hopkins, Marisol Guzman, James White, Winfred De Vone, Charles Joyner, Kisha Allen.

Reading of poem by Winfred De Vone.

Saint Patrick's School Newark

Victor Alicea, Daryl Terry, Paulo De Oliveira, Parrish Hawes, Michael McCutchen, Martin Moore, Eduardo Lirio, George Pierson, Maria Dell'Acqua.

Reading of poem by Daryl Terry

Presentation of 1984 FEELINGS AWARD
Carlos Sanchez
Cleveland Street School Orange

Presentation of The Sister Filomena Poetry Award

BEST POEM

Rodney Lesane
Helen A. Keller School Newark

Central School Orange

Pete barks at enemies
He tries to scare them too
But he is so small they laugh
And today you find so few.

His birthday is in spring
He fits in your hand
His meal is green green grass
He rolls around in sand.

Ezra Cooper

The Gray Squirrel

He lives up in a tree
Five babies are in all
They hunt for nuts all day
And sleep cause they are small.

He has a bushy tail
His sharp teeth always bite
He runs around the tree
And nearly out of site.

William N. Griffin

Baby opossums are in the pouch
They sleep the whole day long
Mother knows they are safe inside
She sings a little song

Now it's time for a little ride
They hop on mother's back
The ride is 25 minutes long
Then they return to mama's sack.

Yolanda Waiters

Lincoln Avenue School Orange

The Big Lion

Oh Lion, Lion King of the Beast
You're so strong just like my niece.

You can jump over a wall because
You are so tall.

I can never reach your score because
You have that ferocious roar.

A Lion has a big scare
That's why he has no one to fear.

He's kind and gentle and lays in the sun
Plays with his cubs and has lots of fun.

A Lion is king of the jungle
He'll leave the rest in a bungle.

Nicholas Hunt

A Beautiful Elephant

An elephant is as big as can be
He is so big you can't help but see

The elephant's skin is wrinkled and gray
Just like a dreary, dreary day.

The elephant is tall but
His tail is very small.

The zookeeper feeds him everyday
I don't want to get in his way.

He is in his own cage but
he is never in a rage.

His skin is very grey.
I just saw one today.

He picks up things with his trunk
But he never eats junk.

Veronica Williams

The Furry Rabbit

My rabbit is furry and cuddley
I think I will call him Dudley.

Rabbits hop very fast
That's why they are never last.

The rabbit's fur is white as
snow
I love to watch him go.

I love to watch his wiggly nose.
Which he wiggles wherever he
goes.

My rabbit loves to dig a hole
He reminds me of a mole.

He loves to eat his carrots
as he sits and watches the
parrot.

A rabbit needs a cage
No matter what his age.

Rudi Newton

Horses

Horses, horses all around
Beautiful horses from black
to brown
Beautiful horses as beautiful
as you.
If you see one you'll love one
too.

Octavia Smith

Cleveland Street School Orange

A pony can walk on four legs.
I like ponies.
A pony can eat.
I like small ponies.
A pony is small.
A pony is a pet.
Ponies got big brown eyes.
The pony is brown.
Ponies can be very still.
A pony carries big loads.
A pony walks very slow.

Johnny Pearson

Roses are red
Violets are blue
I love rabbits that are in a zoo.
Rabbits go here and
Rabbits go there, rabbits go everywhere.
You can hear a rabbit where ever
He goes, up or down or all around or
on his toes.
You can give a rabbit to a little girl
for Valentine's Day to make her happy
And show a lot of love.
Happy Valentine's Day.

Untraca Howard

The Turtle

My turtle swims in water
He crawls on land.
He eats grass
My turtle lays many eggs.
He pokes his head out
when he wants to eat.
He pulls his head in
when he wants to sleep.

Hassan Crosby

Turtle

Turtles are nice and slow
That's why I like them so
They like to play hide and seek
Sometimes they even peak
Their shells are hard to touch
But I still like them very much.
Turtle Back Zoo is my favorite place.
I'd like someday to see a turtle race.

Michael Williams

Panther

Black, Fast
Running, Speeding, Sleek
It scares me so
Cat

Daryl Williams

Cleveland Street School Orange

Pony

I'd like to ride a pony
It would make me feel so happy
Someday I know I'll ride one
And it will be lots of fun.
I think it would be nice
To have one of my own
And that's the end of my poem.

Carletta Cook

My Favorite Animal

I love tigers.
I know they are ferocious but...
I still love them.
They are big and mean.
I'm glad they are not green
or a team.
I wish they were not mean.

Tigers jump on people
and scratch them
I would train him and
walk him through the park.
Some days
We would have fun together.

Silas Haynes

The Zebra

The zebra is black and white with pin stripes
Which glow all through the night...
his white lines shinning so bright.
The zebra and I look eye to eye and
oh I sigh...
to see such a beautiful sight...
a baby zebra standing in the light.

Vanessa Scarboro

Cleveland Street School Orange

King of the Jungle

Loud noise

In the dark, green jungle

On the hills of the jungle

No animal was braver than
the King of the Jungle.

Davion Hill

The Black Panthers are shiny and
vicious
He looks suspicious and he
can be ridiculous
But still in all he's the best
of all the rest on Valentine's Day.
He's my favorite animal and that's a
fact.
He creeps and crawls and lays on his
back
I love the black panther and he will
attack!!!
Happy Valentine's Day

Raesean Morton

Helen A. Keller School Newark

How Do You Feel
Horses In The Zoo?

How do you feel when people
ride you?
Some people are very fat and
they ride on your back with big
heavy sacks.

How do you feel walking across
the country for days and days
sometimes you don't get any food
or water after you have traveled
such a long ways.

Kim Hall

Rabbit, rabbit you hop, hop, hop
When you come to a taffic light
Stop--stop--stop!
Stop at red, go on green,
Careful on yelloe,
Always be safe, my hopping
good fellow.

Marisol Guzman

I like the zoo animals.
I like the zoo horse and hippo.
I like this contest!
But of all, I like the rabbit
the best.

Rickey Hopkins

I like the tiger animal.
Because of his stripes,
He is my favorite at the zoo.
And the old train, choo, choo.

James White

Helen Keller School Newark

The Zebra

The Zebra's stripes are
black and white.
His tail is very long.
The zebra is very nice,
Because he is very strong.

Winfred DeVone

The Neighborhood Skunk

The neighborhood skunk is black and white.
He comes out during the night.
Although he never gets into fights,
He fills everything in sight with fright.

Charles Joyner

The Owl

The owl, the owl, the wise old owl
he hoots and toots and sometimes howls.
He comes out at night with his big
brown eyes
And scares you with a fright.

Kisha Allen

Saint Patrick's School Newark

The Turtle

A turtle can walk
But a turtle cannot talk.
They may live in a cage,
Or live in the zoo.
But wherever they live
They don't live like you.

Victor Alicea

Turtles

Turtles are cute animals.
Some are slow yet some are fast,
Some of them bite, some don't.
They way they hide makes me laugh,
They are small animals that I like.
Their shell is hard and their mouth is wide.
Their neck is long and their tail sticks out.
Some are green, some are black,
Some live in water, some don't.
Their eyes look like little dots,
And their legs stick out.
Where can you see them most? At -
Turtle Back Zoo!! ! !

Daryl Terry

Whale of the Sea

Baby whales are nice and sweet
I really think they are neat.
The whale makes a strange sound.
When you look at them they
look around.
Some whales can be tamed.
Acrobats ride on their mane.
Whales like to swim
Some of them look grim.
Whales are nice mammals.
They are my favorite animals.

Paulo De Oliveira

My Friendly Panda

My panda is so fluffy and
cute,
Also, cuddly that's true.
He rolls over for attention
Just like you and me.
He is smart as a whip,
Rolls over and flips,
He comes through like Old
Saint Nick.
He's so playful
I don't think he would ever
attack.
Most of all my friends,
He enjoys his natural habitat.

Parrish Hawes

Saint Patrick's School Newark

A Yak

A yak has long hair
If you go to Asia you have to be aware.

A yak runs and roams all night
It goes to sleep in the broad day light.

A yak hunts his own food
Most of the time he is in a bad mood.

A yak is strong when it is born
They like meat and vegetables such as corn.

You have to catch a yak with a rope I think
A yak fights with his horns and he's right.

Michael McCutchen

Blake the Snake

He slides
He hides
He bites
He strikes
He's in the lake
Blake the snake.

Martin Moore

Myrtle the Turtle

Once there was a turtle who was green.
Who dove in the water to get clean.
Her house is as hard as a rock.
The best house on the block.
She turns herself around
Upside down on the ground.
She's afraid of a mouse.
I love Myrtle that silly turtle
She's my pal, My best gal.

Eduardo Lirio

Pat's Cat

There once was a boy named Pat.
For Christmas, he got a baby cat.
"Yes," he loved it so so much,
he told his cousin,
I'll call him "Little Dutch."
Oce he was chasing a mouse.
He chased it to his wooden house.
His thinking he did lack,
because he tripped and landed on his back.
He had no more fun,
because all he did was now done.
So he decided to be free.
That is the way it will be.

George Pierson

Birds

The Birds fly in the sky
They eat food.
When birds lay eggs they
are in a happy mood.

Birds take a bath in the
water
They go to their nest.
At night they rest.
Maria Dell'Acqua

1984 FEELINGS AWARD

This award is presented to the student whose poem The Education Center of Turtle Back Zoo feels has the most "feelings" towards animals. It is given in memory of our beloved Siberian Tiger who was named FEELINGS. She taught us all about having "feelings" for endangered species and all animals.

The Lonely Elephant

We went to the jungle of Africa
We saw a baby elephant.
My father was going to shoot him...
but some thing was bothering him...
the tears from the baby elephant's eye.
His mother was dead and the baby was alone.
The tears stopped coming down...
and saw some elephants and ran to them.

Carlos Sanchez
Cleveland Street School
Orange

The Sister Filomena Poetry Award

Best Poem

Given in Sister Filomena's name in recognition of her oustanding work with and her concern for Special Education children.

Rodney Lesane
Helen A. Keller School Newark

Birds

Birds can be taught to do many things
Once I saw a bird who sings
Most birds are regular they just fly
Birds can be taught to say hello or goodby
Some birds don't talk or sing
They just do their own thing.

Two Cats

A tiger is cat as you can see
But not like the kind that belongs
to you and me
The tiger can be found in the woods
or in a zoo
Big tigers don't make very good pets
But pussy cats are the best pets yet.

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